

# PICO

## THE RISE OF MICROCONTROLLER

# RUBY

### EPISODE IV

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EPISODE II  
**ATTACK OF THE RAKE**

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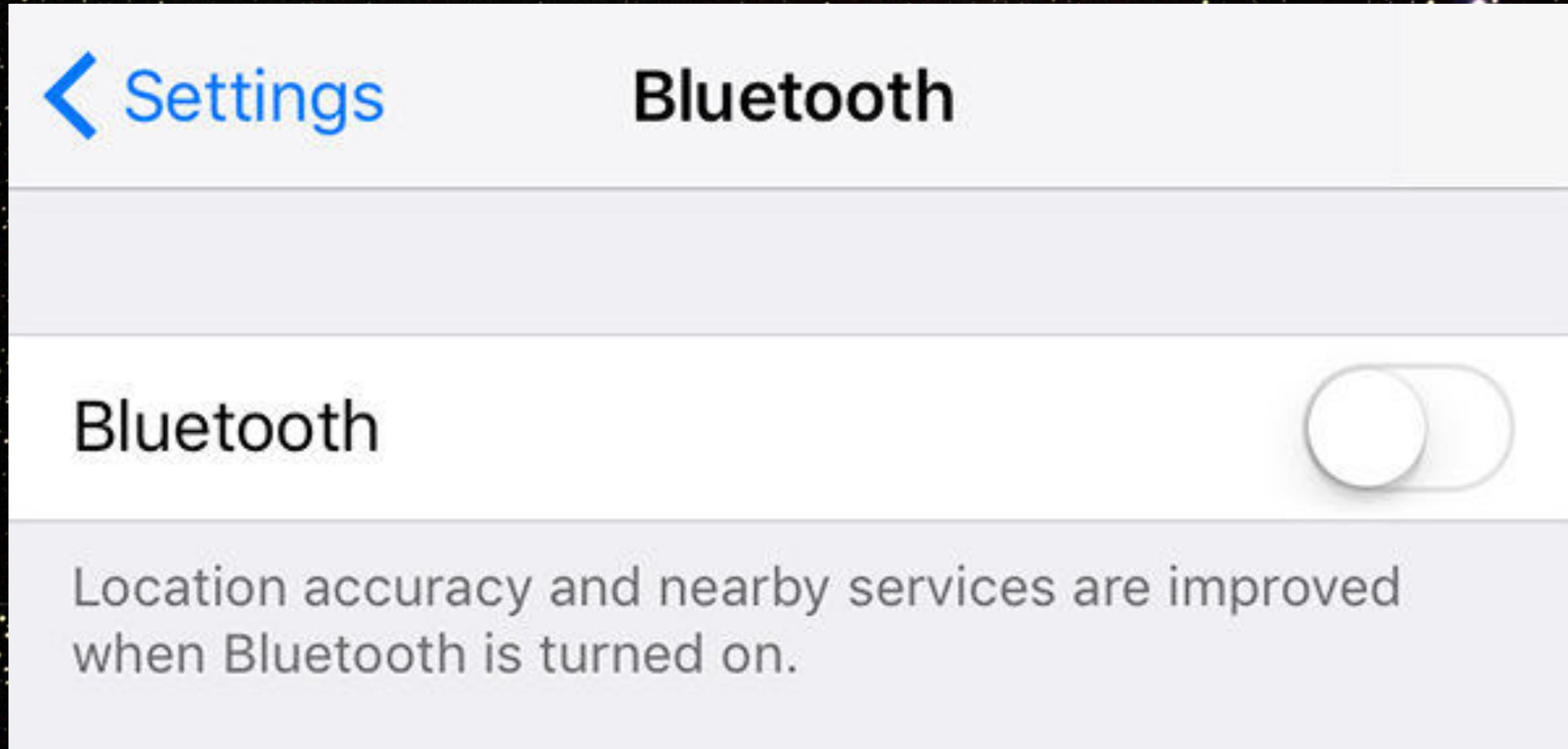
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- Committer of CRuby's IRB and Reline
- First prize of Fukuoka Ruby Award  
(2020 and 2022 🤘 )
- A final nominee of Ruby Prize 2021



# I have a favor to ask

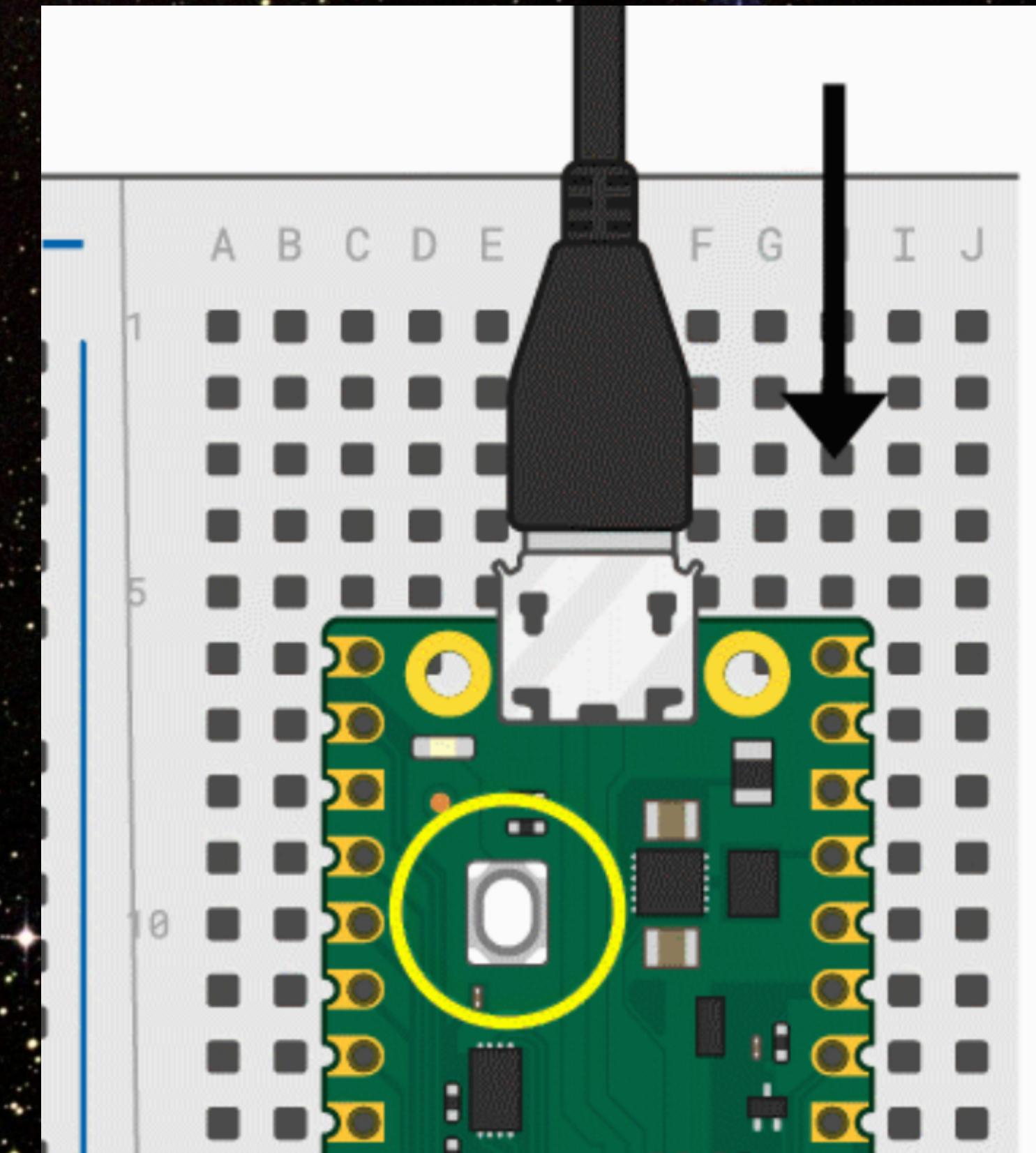
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# Let's begin 1/5

- Connect Pi Pico and PC while pressing the BOOTSEL button
- You'll find "RPI-RP2" drive in file manager

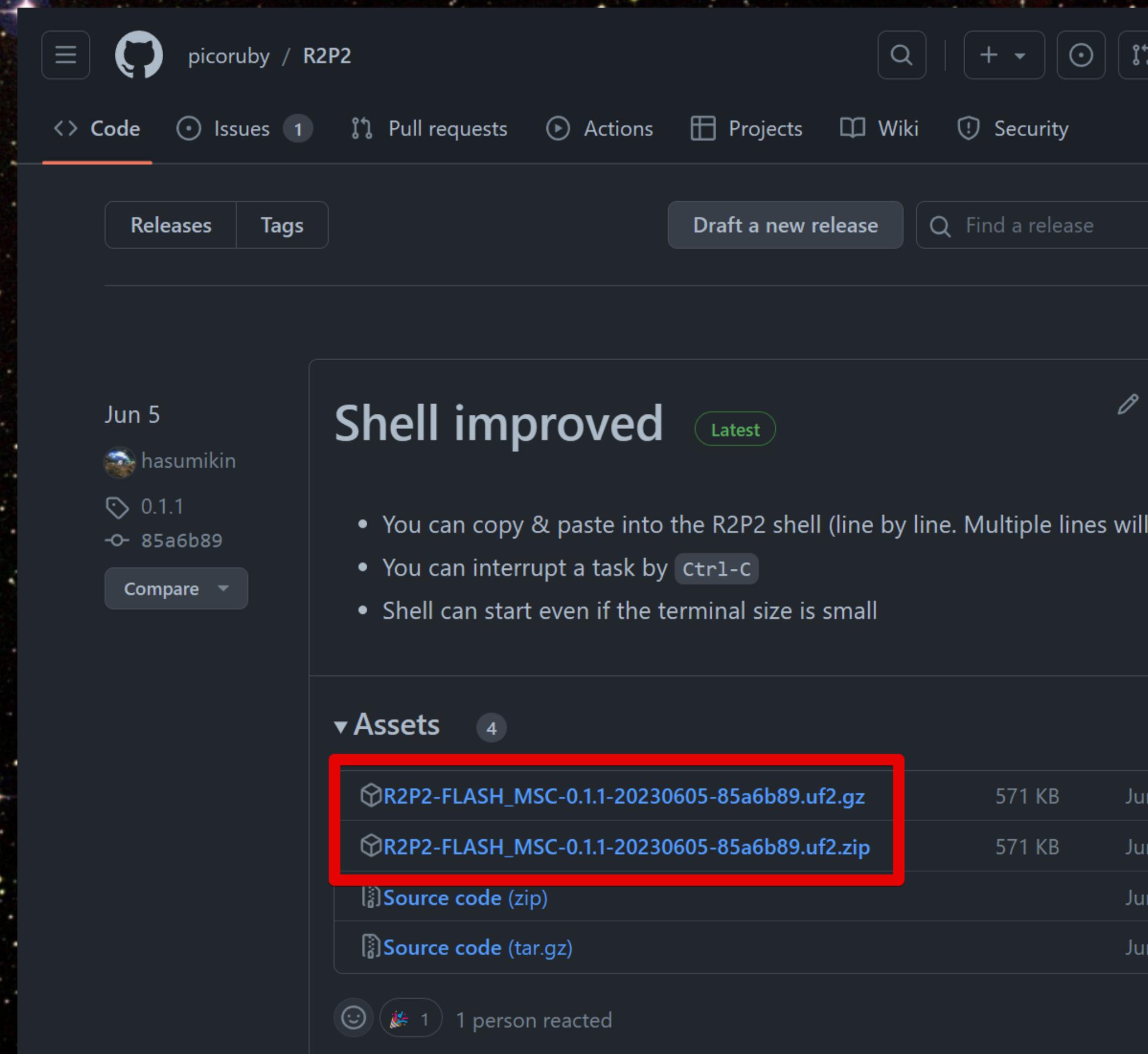


<https://www.raspberrypi.org/documentation/rp2040/getting-started>

# Let's begin 2/5

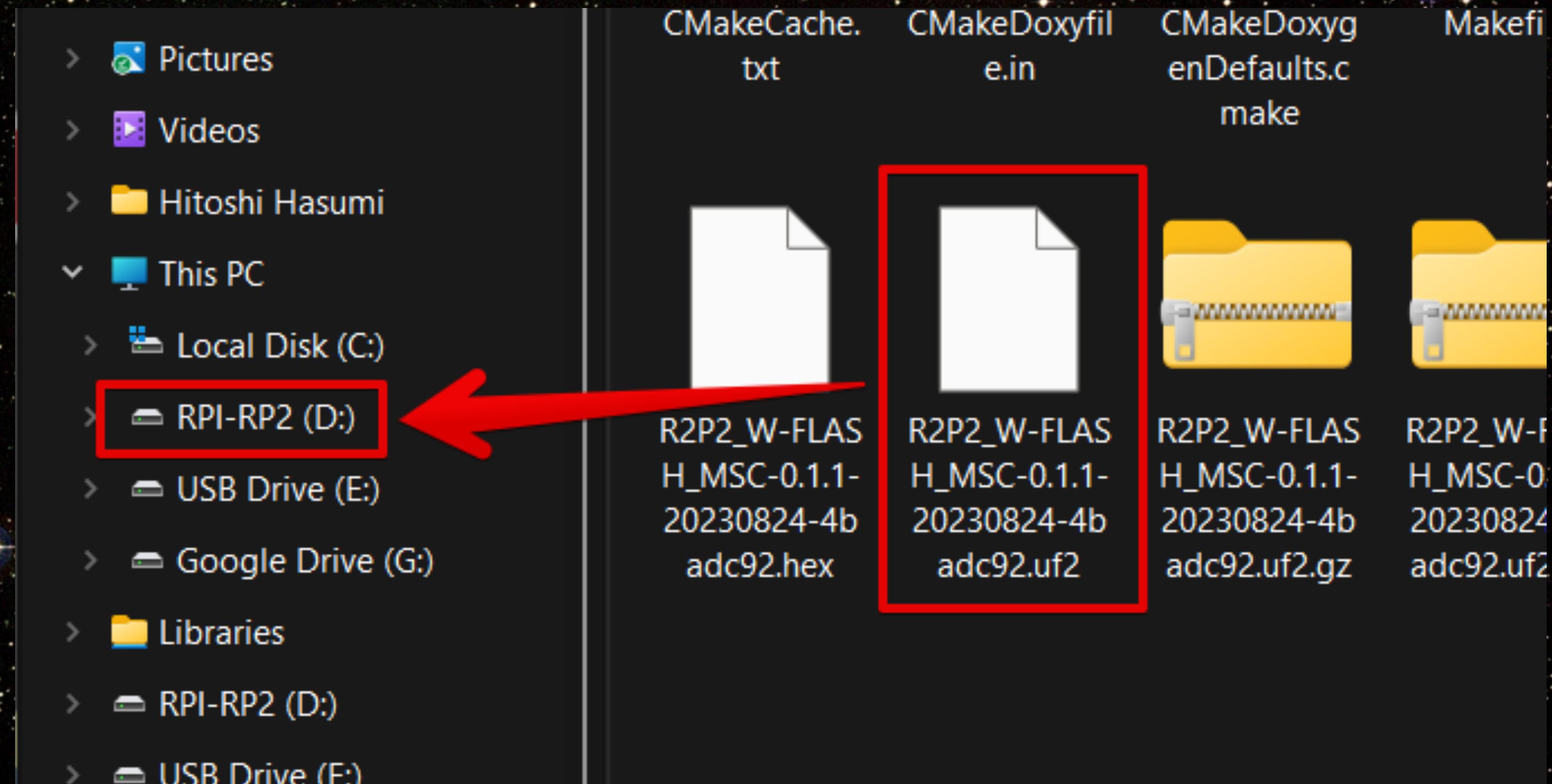
- Download the latest  
`R2P2-\* uf2`  
from GitHub

<https://github.com/picoruby/R2P2/releases>



# Let's begin 3/5

• Drag & drop `R2P2-\* uf2` into RPI-RP2 drive

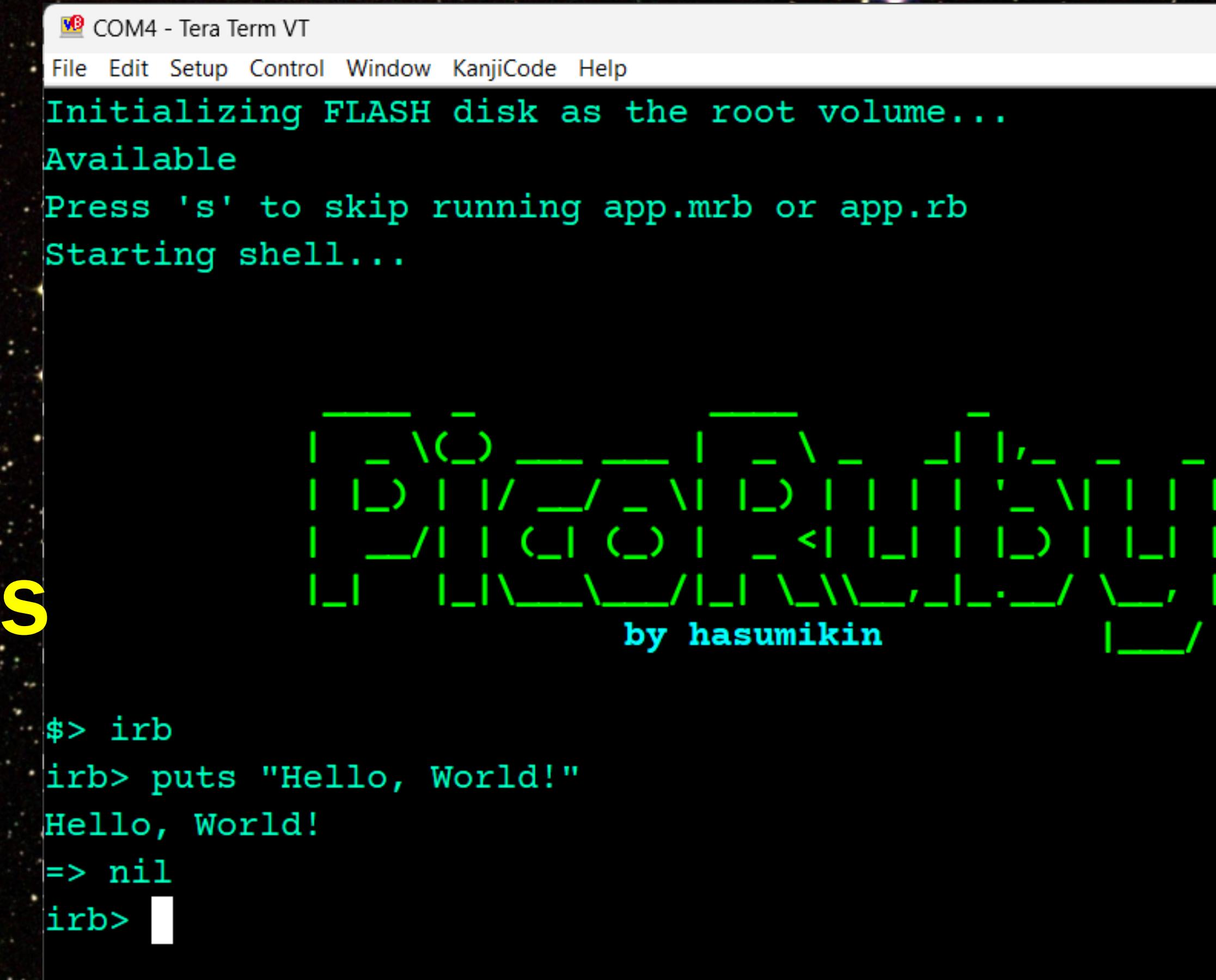


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- Open a proper serial port on terminal emulator

# Let's begin 5/5

- R2P2 is a Unix-like shell running on Pi Pico
- You can use some commands like `cd`, `ls`, `mkdir`, and `irb`
- Every computing process is happening on Pi Pico



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "COM4 - Tera Term VT". The window displays the following text:

```
File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
Initializing FLASH disk as the root volume...
Available
Press 's' to skip running app.mrb or app.rb
Starting shell...
```

Below this, there is a small graphic of a keyboard with the text "by hasumikin" underneath it.

At the bottom of the terminal window, an IRB session is shown:

```
$> irb
irb> puts "Hello, World!"
Hello, World!
=> nil
irb> █
```

By the way, **R2P2** stands for

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**P**ico

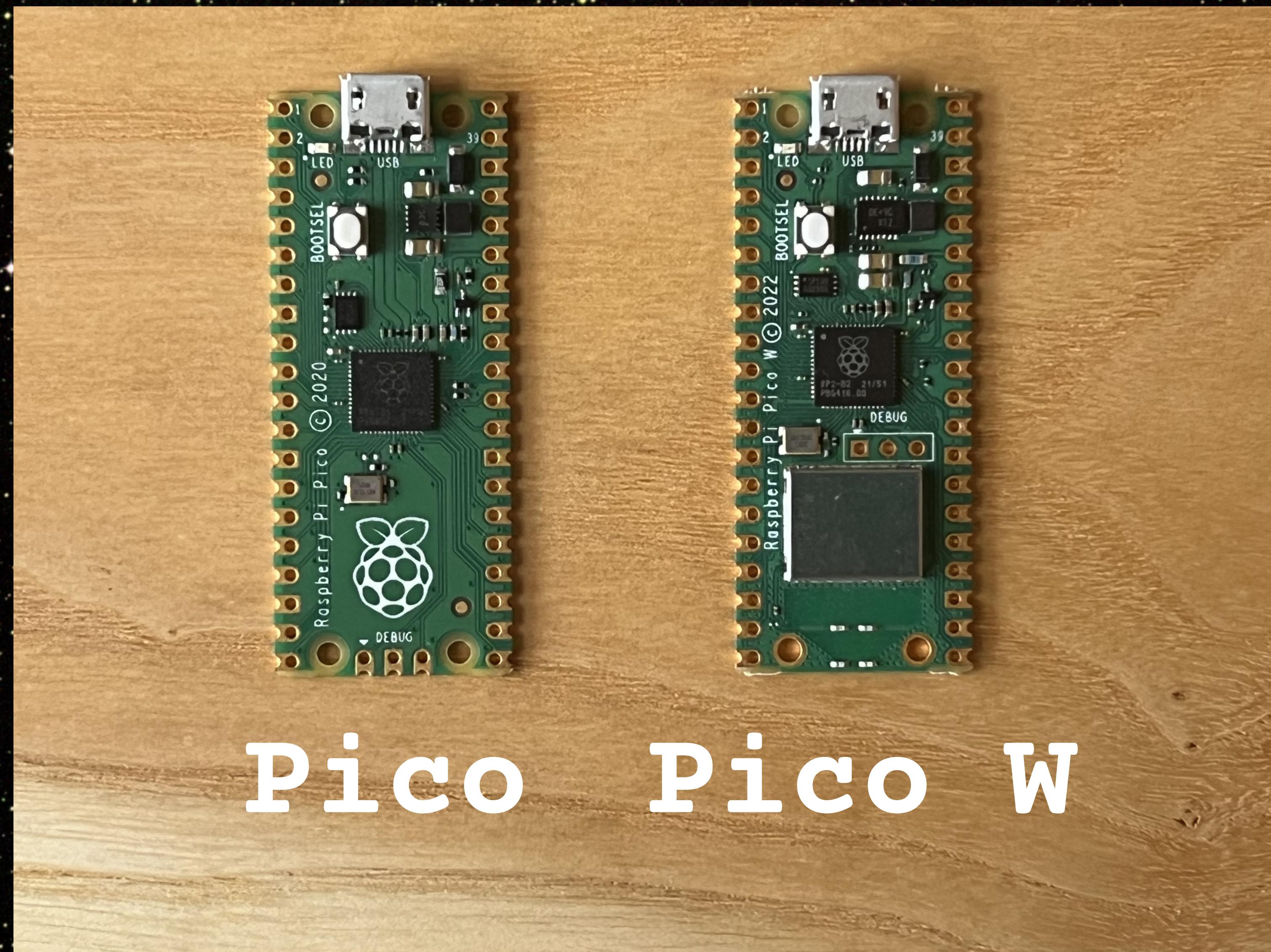


# Today's setup

- Raspberry Pi Pico W \* 2
- AQM0802 charactor display module
- ADT7310 thermo sensor module
- FTDI USB-TTL serial coverter cable



# Raspberry Pi "Pico" and "Pico W"



# GPIO

```
irb> gpio = CYW43::GPIO.new(CYW43::GPIO::LED_PIN)
      # gpio = GPIO.new(25, GPIO::OUT) # If Pico w/o W
irb> gpio.write 1    #=> LED turns on
irb> gpio.write 0    #=> LED turns off
irb> 3.times do
irb*   gpio.write 1
irb*   sleep 1
irb*   gpio.write 0
irb*   sleep 1
irb* end             #=> LED blinks three times
```

# LED wraps GPIO

```
# /lib/led.rb in R2P2 drive
require 'gpio'
require 'cyw43'
CYW43.init
class LED
  def initialize
    @gpio = CYW43::GPIO.new(CYW43::GPIO::LED_PIN)
    #           = GPIO.new(25, GPIO::OUT) # If Pico w/o W
  end
  def on
    @gpio.write 1
  end
  def off
    @gpio.write 0
  end
  def invert
    @gpio.read == 1 ? off : on
  end
end
```

# LED wraps GPIO

```
irb> require 'led'  
irb> led = LED.new  
irb> 3.times do  
irb*   led.invert  
irb*   sleep 1  
irb* end
```

# Peripherals for serial communication

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- I2C: To communicate between integrated circuits with support for multiple devices connected to the same bus
- SPI: To facilitate high-speed communication between microcontrollers and peripheral devices
- UART: To establish asynchronous serial communication between devices

# I2C

```
irb> require 'i2c'  
irb> i2c = I2C.new(unit: :RP2040_I2C1, sda_pin: 26, scl_pin: 27)  
irb> [0x38, 0x39, 0x14, 0x70, 0x56, 0x6c].each { |i| i2c.write(0x3e, 0, i); sleep_ms 1 }  
irb> [0x38, 0x0c, 0x01].each { |i| i2c.write(0x3e, 0, i); sleep_ms 1 }  
irb> "Hello,".bytes.each { |c| i2c.write(0x3e, 0x40, c); sleep_ms 1 }  
irb> i2c.write(0x3e, 0, 0x80|0x40)  
irb> "Taiwan!".bytes.each { |c| i2c.write(0x3e, 0x40, c); sleep_ms 1 }
```

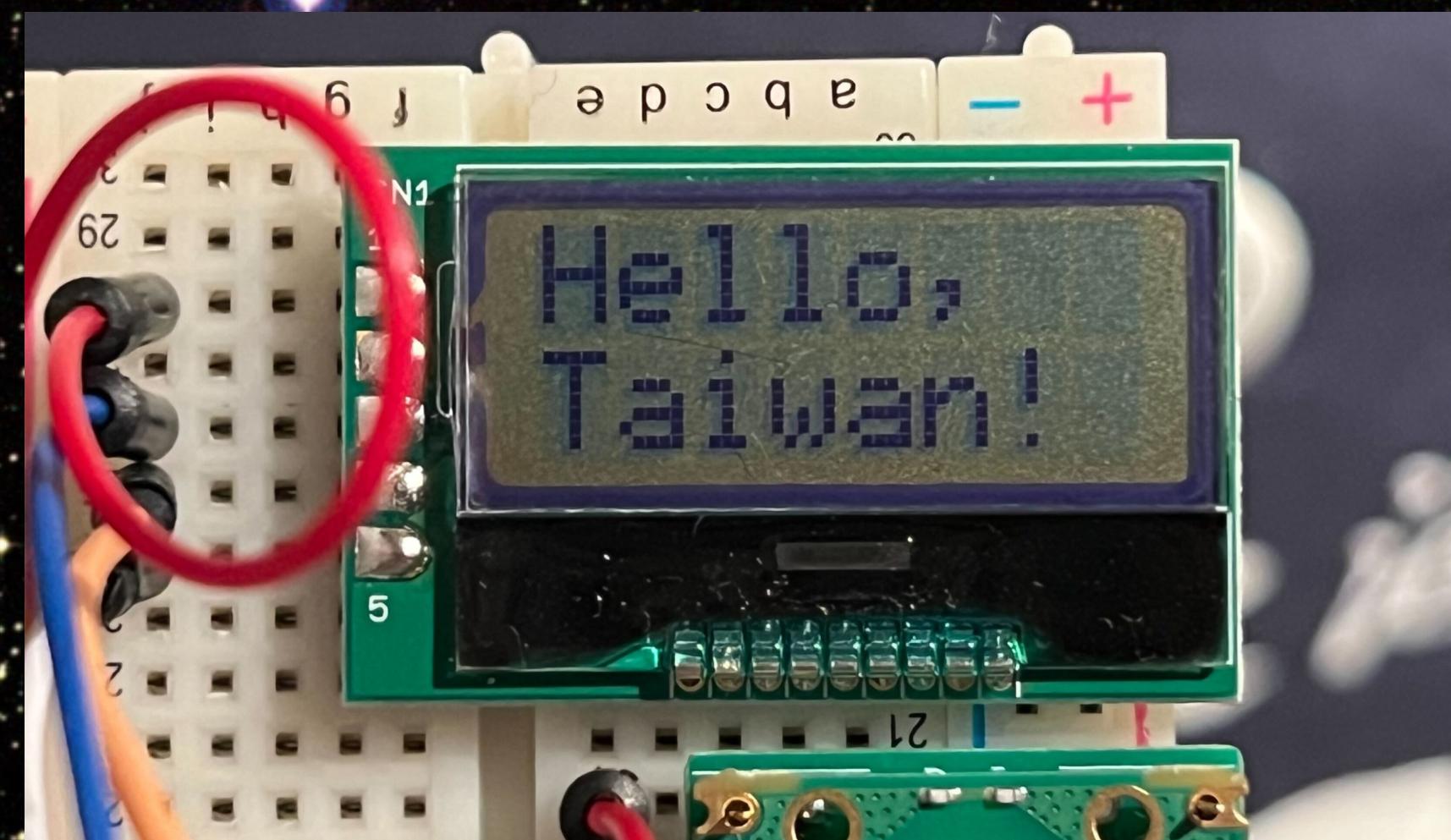


# LCD wraps I2C

```
# /lib/lcd.rb in R2P2 drive
require 'i2c'
class LCD
  ADDRESS = 0x3e # 0x7c == (0x3e << 1) + 0 (R/W)
  def initialize(i2c:)
    @i2c = i2c
    reset
  end
  def reset
    [0x38, 0x39, 0x14, 0x70, 0x56, 0x6c].each { |i| @i2c.write(ADDRESS, 0, i) }
    sleep_ms 200
    [0x38, 0x0c, 0x01].each { |i| @i2c.write(ADDRESS, 0, i) }
  end
  def putc(c)
    @i2c.write(ADDRESS, 0x40, c)
    sleep_ms 1
  end
  def print(line)
    line.bytes.each { |c| putc c }
  end
# ...
# See https://github.com/picoruby/picoruby/tree/master/mrbgems/picoruby-ble/example/broadcaster-observer
```

# LCD wraps I2C

```
irb> require 'lcd'  
irb> lcd = LCD.new(i2c: I2C.new(unit: :RP2040_I2C1, sda_pin: 26, scl_pin: 27))  
irb> lcd.print "Hello,"  
irb> lcd.break_line  
irb> lcd.print "Taiwan!"
```



# SPI

```
irb> require 'spi'  
irb> spi = SPI.new(unit: :RP2040_SPI0, cipo_pin: 16,  
           cs_pin: 17, sck_pin: 18, copi_pin: 19)  
irb> spi.select  
irb> spi.write(255,255,255,255) # Reset  
irb> spi.write(0x54)           # Start continuous mode  
irb> data = spi.read(2).bytes  
irb> temp = data[0] << 8 | data[1]  
irb> temp / 128.0             # Convert to Celsius  
=> 19.5621
```

# THERMO wraps SPI

```
# /lib/thermo.rb in R2P2 drive
require 'spi'
class THERMO
  def initialize(unit:, sck_pin:, cipo_pin:, copi_pin:, cs_pin:)
    @spi = SPI.new(unit: unit, frequency: 500_000, mode: 0, cs_pin: cs_pin,
      sck_pin: sck_pin, cipo_pin: cipo_pin, copi_pin: copi_pin
    )
    @spi.select
    @spi.write 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF # Reset
    @spi.write 0x54 # Start continuous mode
    sleep_ms 240
  end

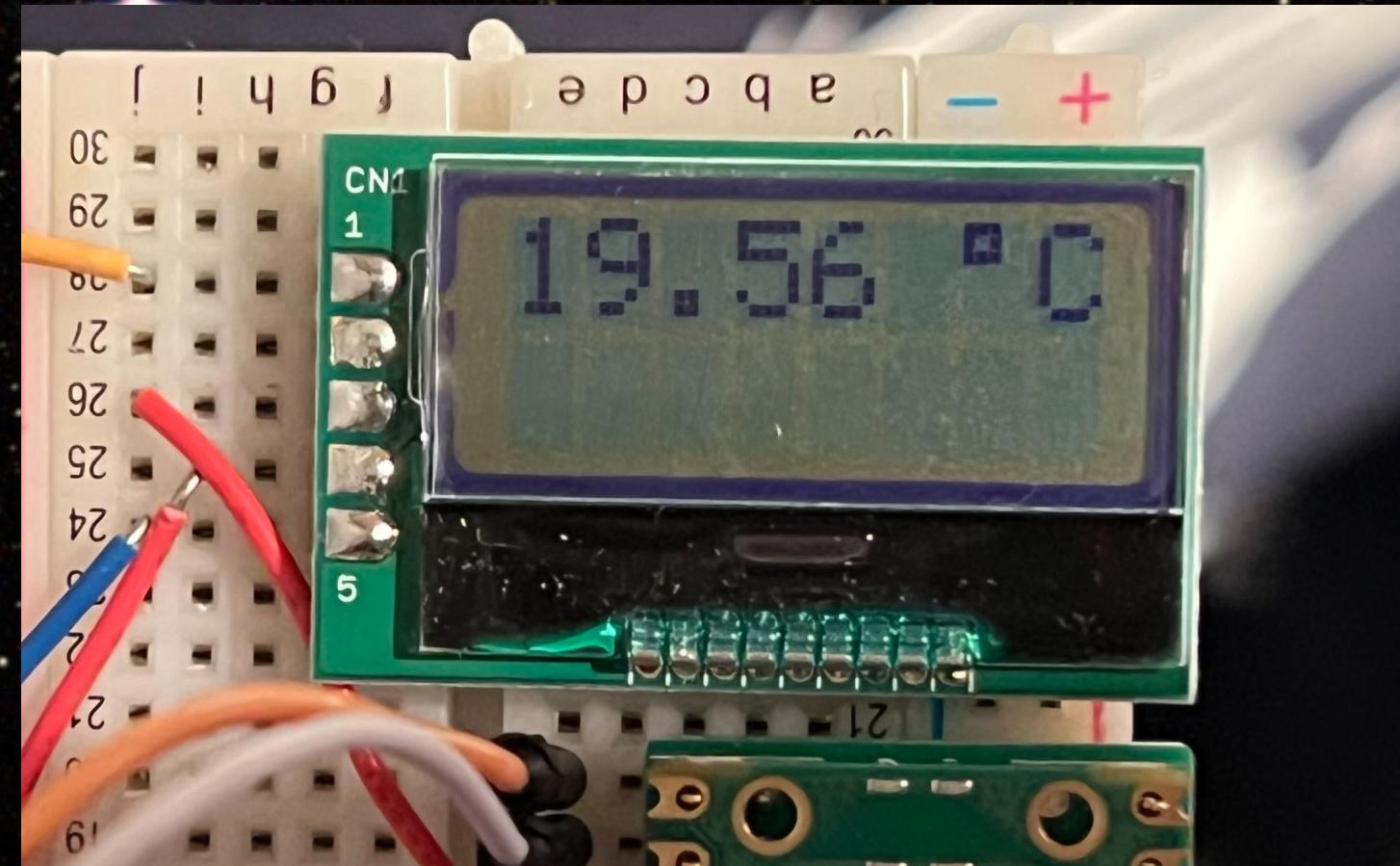
  def read
    data = @spi.read(2).bytes
    temp = (data[0] << 8 | data[1]) >> 3
    # If it minus?
    temp -= 0x2000 if 0 < temp & 0b1_0000_0000_0000
    temp / 16.0 # Convert to Celsius
  end
end
# See https://github.com/picoruby/picoruby/tree/master/mrbgems/picoruby-ble/example/broadcaster-observer
```

# THERMO wraps SPI

```
irb> require 'thermo'  
irb> thermo = THERMO.new(unit: :RP2040_SPI0,  
                           cipo_pin: 16, cs_pin: 17, sck_pin: 18, copi_pin: 19)  
irb> thermo.read  
=> 19.5621
```

# LCD and THERMO

```
irb> require 'lcd'
irb> lcd = LCD.new(i2c: I2C.new(unit: :RP2040_I2C1, sda_pin: 26, scl_pin: 27))
irb> require 'thermo'
irb> thermo = THERMO.new(unit: :RP2040_SPI0,
                           cipo_pin: 16, cs_pin: 17, sck_pin: 18, copi_pin: 19)
irb> lcd.print sprintf("%5.2f \u00b0C", thermo.read)
```



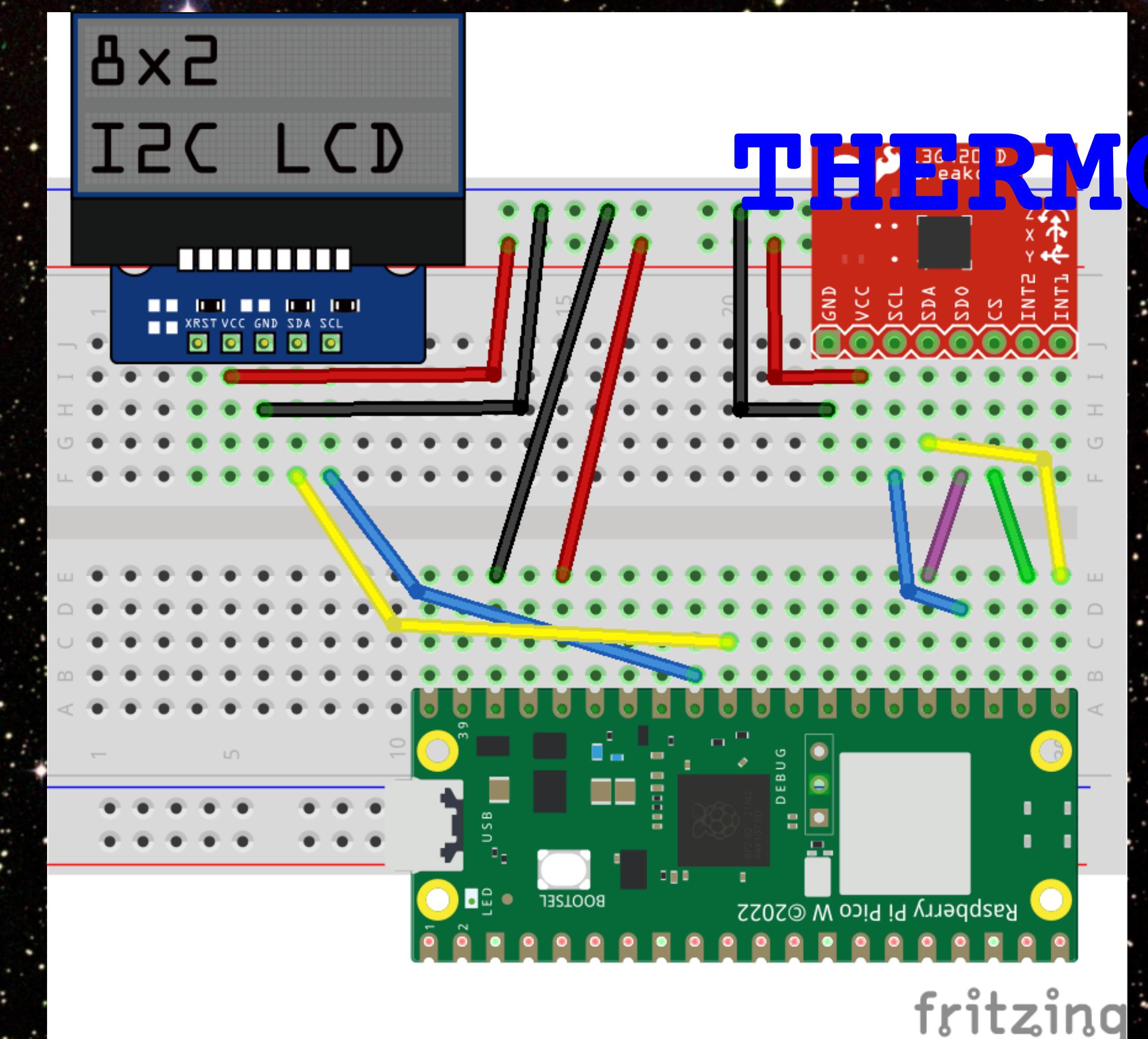
# UART

```
irb> require 'uart'  
irb> uart = UART.new(unit: :RP2040_UART0, txd_pin: 16, rxd_pin: 17, baudrate: 115200)  
irb> uart.puts "Hello from Pico!"  
=> nil  
irb> while true  
irb*>   if c = uart.read  
irb*>     uart.write c    # Echo back  
irb*>     print c  
irb*>   end  
irb*> end  
Hello to Pico!          # <= "Hello to Pico!" in UART device
```

You don't need to wrap UART. Use as it is

# BLE Broadcaster

- Pin assign
  - 3V3 to {LCD,THERMO}:VCC
  - GND to {LCD,THERMO}:GND
  - GPIO16 to THERMO:SDO
  - GPIO17 to THERMO:CS
  - GPIO18 to THERMO:SCL
  - GPIO19 to THERMO:SDI
  - GPIO26 to LCD:SDA
  - GPIO27 to LCD:SCL

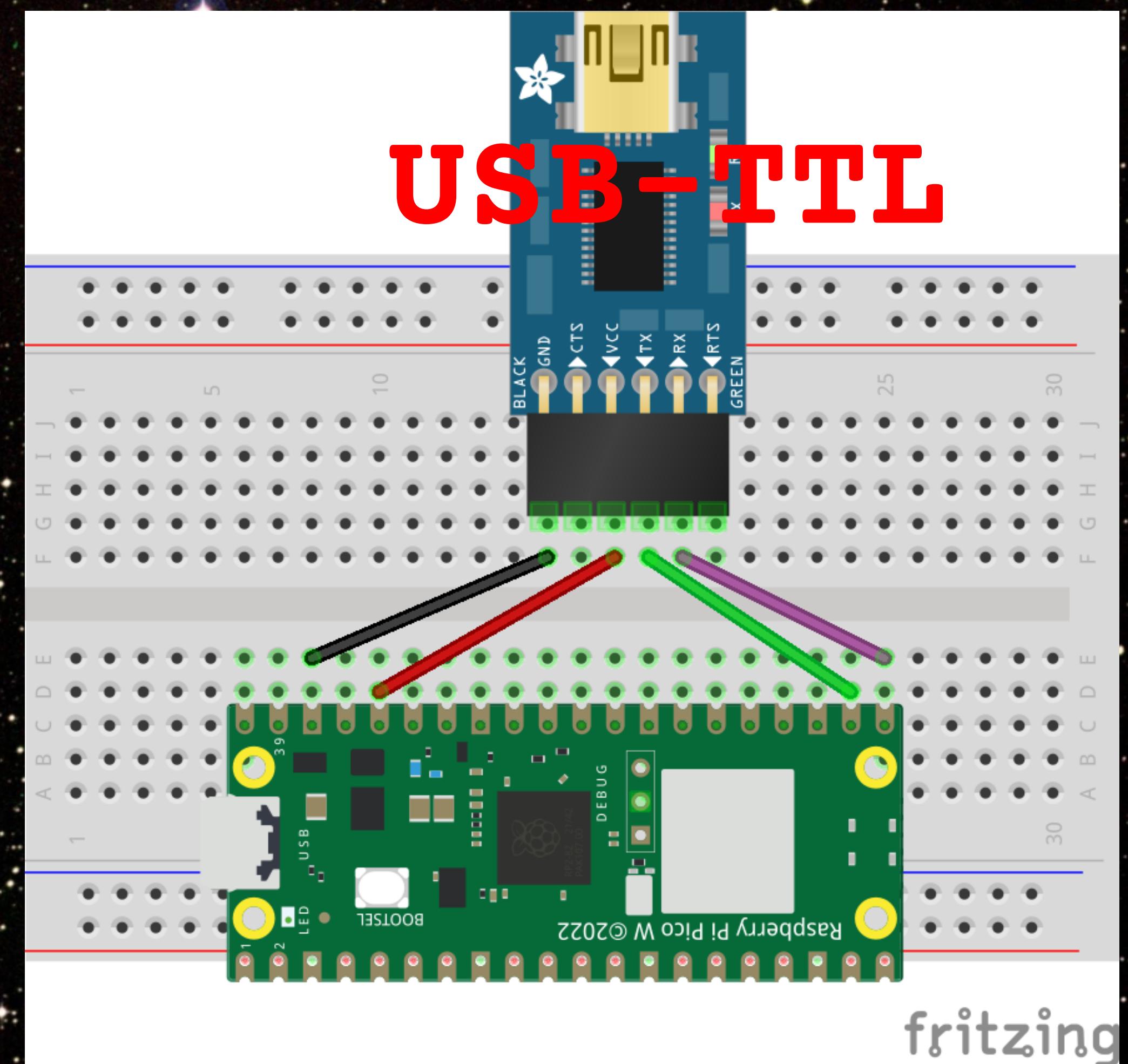


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# BLE Observer

- Pin assign

- 3V3 to USB-TTL:VCC
- GND to USB-TTL:GND
- GPIO16 to USB-TTL:RX
- GPIO17 to USB-TTL:TX



# Gems in Broadcaster and Observer

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```
# in Broadcaster
$> ls /lib
lcd.rb
thermo.rb
```

```
# in Observer
$> ls /lib
led.rb
```

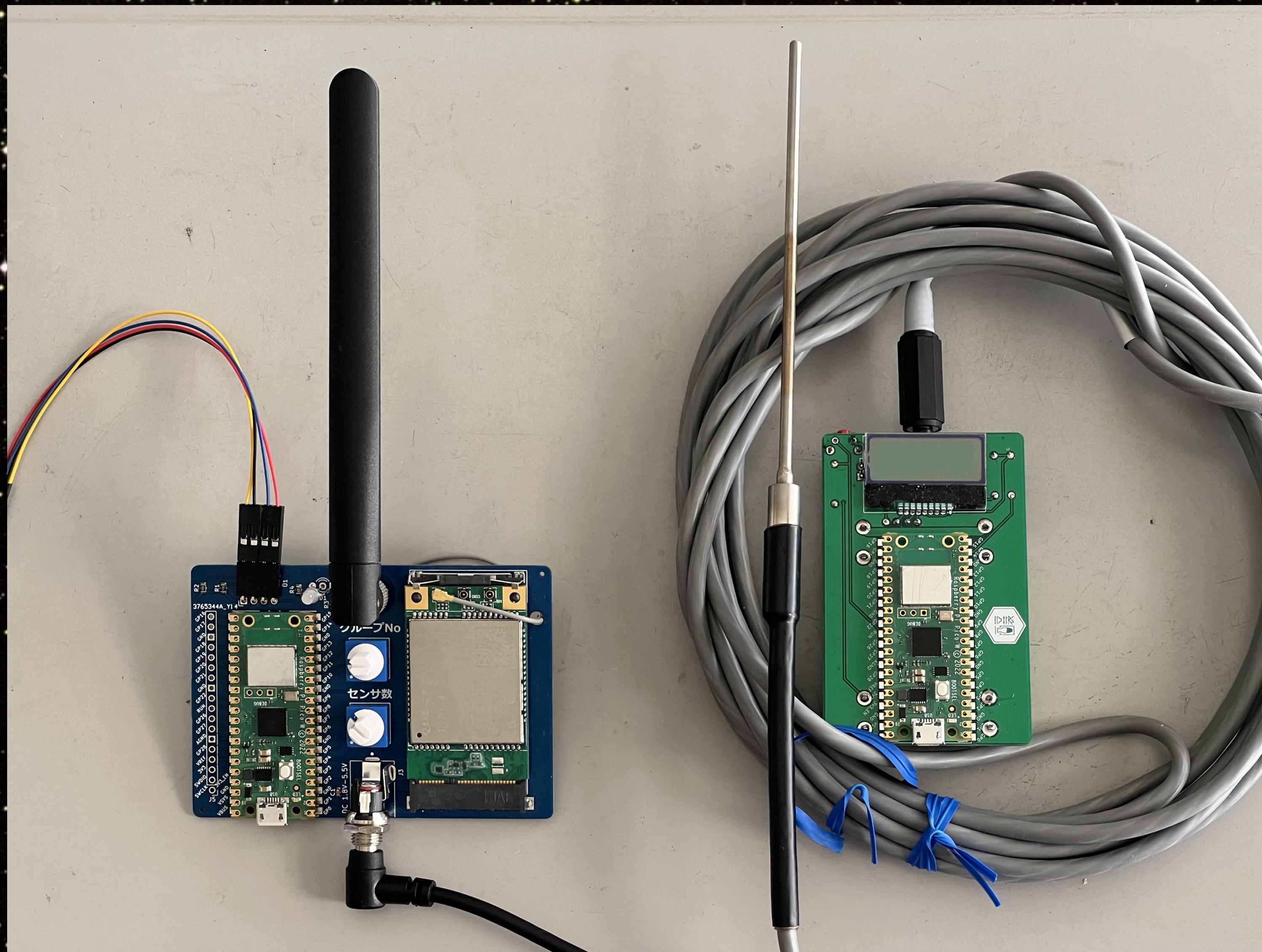
# BLE Broadcaster

```
# /home/app.rb in R2P2 drive
class DemoBroadcaster < BLE::Broadcaster
  def initialize
    super(nil)
    led = CYW43::GPIO.new(CYW43::GPIO::LED_PIN)
    @lcd = LCD.new(i2c: I2C.new(unit: :RP2040_I2C1, sda_pin: 26, scl_pin: 27))
    @thermo = THERMO.new(unit: :RP2040_SPI0, cipo_pin: 16, cs_pin: 17, sck_pin: 18, copi_pin: 19)
    @counter = 0
  end
  def adv_data(send_data)
    BLE::AdvertisingData.build do |adv|
      adv.add(0x01, 0xFF)
      adv.add(0x09, "PicoRuby")
      adv.add(0xFF, send_data)
    end
  end
  def heartbeat_callback
    Machine.using_delay do
      temperature = @thermo.read
      @lcd.clear
      @lcd.print sprintf("%5.2f \xdfc", temperature)
      @lcd.break_line
      @lcd.print "+" * (@counter % 9)
      advertise(adv_data (temperature * 100).to_i.to_s)
    end
    @counter += 1
    Watchdog.update
  end
  def packet_callback(event_packet)
    case event_packet[0]&.ord # event type
    when 0x60 # BTSTACK_EVENT_STATE
      return unless event_packet[2]&.ord == BLE::HCI_STATE_WORKING
      @state = :HCI_STATE_WORKING
      Watchdog.enable(2000)
    end
  end
end
DemoBroadcaster.new.start
# See https://github.com/picoruby/picoruby/tree/master/mrbgems/picoruby-ble/example/broadcaster-observer
```

# BLE Observer

```
# /home/app.rb in R2P2 drive
class DemoObserver < BLE::Observer
  def initialize
    super
    @led = LED.new
    @uart = UART.new(unit: :RP2040_UART0, txd_pin: 16, rxd_pin: 17, baudrate: 115200)
    @uart.puts 'Start BLE Observer Demo'
    @last_time_found = Time.now.to_i
    Watchdog.enable(4000)
  end
  def advertising_report_callback(adv_report)
    if adv_report.&.reports[:complete_local_name] == 'PicoRuby'
      now = Time.now.to_i
      if 2 < now - @last_time_found
        @uart.puts sprintf("%5.2f degC", adv_report.reports[:manufacturer_specific_data].to_f / 100)
        @last_time_found = now
      end
    end
  end
  def heartbeat_callback
    Watchdog.update
    @led.invert
  end
end
DemoObserver.new.scan(stop_state: :no_stop)
# See https://github.com/picoruby/picoruby/tree/master/mrbgems/picoruby-ble/example/broadcaster-observer
```

# Real world application



# Wrap up

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- ➊ PicoRuby is a Ruby implementation targeting on one-chip microcontroller
- ➋ Built-in peripheral gems for general IOs: GPIO, I2C, SPI, UART, ADC, and PWM are ready
- ➌ You can incrementally write your device drivers and applications with PicolRB
- ➍ BLE gem is also almost ready for real applications

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